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REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/924,091 filed September 5, 1997.

1.  Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed including a copy of the signed Declaration and a copy of the drawings.
2.  The prior application is assigned to Sony Corporation and the Assignment was recorded on February 19, 1998 at Reel 9010, Frame 0898.
3.  Priority of Application(s) No.(s) P08-246686, P08-246680, and P08-246681 filed on September 18, 1996, September 18, 1996, and September 18, 1996 respectively, in Japan are claimed under 35 USC 119.

The certified copy in support of the

claim of priority has been filed in the Prior Application Serial No. 08/924,091 and acknowledgment thereof is requested.

4.  This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown below in parentheses apply.

b.  The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims Appearing in the Prior Application,  
Less Any Claims Canceled By Amendment Below

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Fee
Basic Fee			\$710 (\$355)
Total claims.....	12 - 20 =	x	\$18 (\$ 9)
Independent claims...	1 - 3 =	x	\$80 (\$40)
Total Filing Fee.....			\$ 710.00

5.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 03-3125. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

6.  A check in the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed.

7.  Amend claims 1-6, 13 and 14 and add new claim 28.

8.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a division of prior application Serial No. 08/924,091 filed September 5, 1997.--

9.  Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application identified above is considered as being a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

10.  The power of attorney in the prior

application is to Jay H. Maioli, Reg. No. 27,213, Cooper & Dunham, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10036.

- a.  The power appears in the prior application.
- b.  Address all future communications to: Jay H. Maioli, Cooper & Dunham, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036.
- 11.  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

  
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